Power Shortage in Southern States

1613. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government arc aware of power shortage in the Southern States particularly Tamil Nadu and Kerala, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) in what manner, the shortfall is to be met by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The details of actual power supply position which prevailed in the States of Southern Region during the year 1997-98 and for the month of April, 1998 are as under:—

(All figures in Mil)

	1997-98			April, 1998				
State/Region	Require-ment	Availa-bility	Shortage	%Rcquirc-ment	Availa-bility	Shortage		%
Andhra Pradesh	41599	35606	5993	14.4	3608	3103	505	14.0
Karnataka	26577	21192	5385	20.3	2300	1955	345	15.0
Kerala	11611	9404	2207	19.0	1050	934	116	11.0
Tamilnadu (Incl. Pondicherry)	37870	32550	5320	14.0	3468	2844	624	18.0

(b) To mitigate the power shortage in the Southern States arrangements have been made to provide assistance to the States from the Eastern/Western region/ other states. The details arc given as under:—

(All figures in Ml*)

	Jan. 98	Feb. VB	March. 98	April, 98
(i) Tamilnadu				
From Maharashtra	—	—	8.47	3 79
From Punjab	—	—	—	61.96
(ii) Kerala:				
From Eastern Region	—	60.05	69.52	68.88
(iii) Karnataka:				
From Maharashtra	—	—	7.86	33.31
(iv) Andhra Pradesh				
From Eastern Region	41.38	92.85	109.64	10813
From Western Region (at Ramagundam point)	43.45	87.86	132.38	4,34

After commissioning of 400 KV Jeypore-Gazuwaka D/C line (pending commissioning of HVDC back to back terminal at Gazuwaka), it would be possible to transfer about 320 MW of power in radial mode from the Eastern Region to Southern Region including 150 MW presently being done on Balimela-Upper Sileru 220 KV line.

Boosting Private Investments in Power Sector

1614. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Central Government have, recently, announced a fresh package for boosting private investments in the power sector;